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This just in, Lebron James has just signed a contract for \$35 million a year for the next seven years. That's 245 million dollars plus possible bonuses. At the rate sports figures have been getting increasing salaries, this could very well be the scene in a few years for some of the greatest in their certain fields. Everything from acting to making music has been increasing the salaries of the performers. These people work no harder than the average family man in a factory. I don't think that anyone deserves that much money when there is much need for it in other places.

First, though these industries are booming with success, no single person has need for that much cash. Leagues, such as the NBA and NFL, should limit the salaries of the players and require that a certain percentage go to charities around the world. If these organizations would stop overindulging their players ~~and~~ and sacrifice some profit for the good of mankind then the cure for cancer might be found quicker or people standing throughout the world could have food. Andrew Carnegie was one of the wealthiest men in the late 1800's. After making millions over a lifetime, Mr. Carnegie spent the last twenty years of his life giving his money away as a philanthropist. If celebrities could learn the concept of philanthropy instead of selfishness then their money wouldn't go to waste.

~~Also,~~ as the salaries of those men and women continue to rise so do the prices of tickets and events. The average factory man making forty to forty thousand dollars a year with a family can no longer afford to go

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to football games because tickets have risen to over one hundred and fifty dollars. These events that celebrities of all sorts perform for have become an exclusive club for other rich and famous to go and see. If these celebrities are considered entertainers then anyone ought to be able to get a ticket for a decent price. Though those men work hard, they don't deserve ~~more than~~ someone who struggles to keep his or her family out of bankruptcy by working to jobs. Celebrities salaries should be decreased.

Finally, the celebrities should not be making more money than they can spend. Most celebrities have huge houses that aren't used to the full potential. They have many rooms throughout their houses that they may not see for months. This use of money does no one any good and these figures are showing leads to spend money unwisely. Many kids look up to these celebrities and will try to lead lives very much like theirs. If these children try to get everything that the celebrities have, then they will end up in bad financial straits. That is just one more reason celebrities shouldn't make that much money.

In conclusion, ~~we~~ the celebrities + wealthy of our day should follow the example of Andrew Carnegie and philanthropy. The celebrities should not make ~~as~~ as much money as they do.<sup>\$</sup>



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This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The introduction is very effective, and the writer clearly states that celebrities make more money than they deserve. The key ideas progress logically and are well developed and specifically illustrated. Outstanding syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are demonstrated throughout (stop overindulging their players and sacrifice some profit for the good of mankind, learn the concept of philanthropy, exclusive club, and rarely used to their full potential). The response is unified and a strong persuasive tone is sustained.